Cashier Frederick Included in the Charge of Embezziement-Sessiens of Indiana Teachers.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal, COLUMBUS, Ind., April 6.-The plant of the American starch works here, one of the largest in the country and an anti-trust enterprise, valued at \$250,000, was destroyed by fire to-day. At 6 o'clock this morning fire was discovered in the drying room, which is kept heated at about 160 degrees, the hot air being driven about through this department by means of fast-revolving fans. Although the employes quickly had three streams of water playing on the fire, it could not be extinguished, and in one hour the magnificent structure was almost a total wreck. From the burning building the flames shot two hundred feet high. In the company's large elevator were 75,000 bushels of corn, which went with the building, as did a number of rennsylvania railroad cars on a side track ready to be loaded. In the shipping department was \$40,000 worth of manufactured starch, which will be a total loss.

In the works at the time of the fire were about one hundred and twenty people, a large number in the packing room being girls. From this department, which was on the second floor, there was a wild rush, but all escaped without injuries. In one of the buildings were three men, one colored, named Lewis Wade. The white men escaped after fighting the fire for a few moments, but the colored man stood until the flames and smoke broke in on him, and his body is still in the ruins.

The company's office was the only one that was not burned in the morning, and all the property was taken from it, but after-wards replaced. At 2 p. m., when least ex-pected, a blaze shot up from the roof of this building, and on it me water was turned and the office furniture and valu-ables were soaked and almost ruined. So hot were the walls of the burned building yet standing that no one could go near them to search for the dead body of Lewis Wade, but men will begin this work early in the morning. A member of the company was seen this evening and asked about the probability of the works being rebuilt and he replied that they would not be. The commercial Club at its next meeting will take steps to induce the stocknoiders of the concern to change their decision.

The plant was erected in 1880 and cost \$190,000. Since that time it has had several additions making the outfit worth before today's fire at least \$250,000. For a time the plant did not pay and twice was it thrown into the courts for an accounting, but its present owners made it pay and for some present owners made it pay and for some time it has been running night and day. Some time ago its capacity was greatly increased and its output was readily sold. This plant was operated by the Mooneys of this city and Cincinnati. The company estimates its total loss at \$300,000. On the building and contents was carried about \$200,000 insurance, \$113,000 of which was as

\$200,000 insurance, \$113,000 of which was as follows:
National of London, \$5,000; North American, \$2,500; Aetna, \$4,500; British American, \$1,500; Traders of Chicago, \$4,000; Lancashire, \$2,500; National Fire Insurance Company, \$2,500; Ohio Farmers', \$1,500; Concordia, \$5,000; Mechanics', \$2,000; Calendonia, \$2,500; Hamburg-Bremen, \$5,500; Fireman's Fund, \$2,500; Mechanics', \$2,000; Calendonia, \$2,500; Hamburg-Bremen, \$5,500; Fireman's Fund, \$2,500; Madison Mechanics', \$2,500; Queen Insurance Company, \$2,500; Madison, (Indiana), \$2,500; Madison Mechanics', \$2,500; Queen Insurance Company, \$2,500; Niagara of New York, \$2,500; Pacific, \$1,000; Rockport, of Illinois, \$2,000; Citizens' of Evansville, \$1,500; Western Insurance, \$2,500; Orient, \$2,500; German Mutual, of Indiana, \$1,500; Franklin, of Indiana, \$1,000; Phenix, of Brooklyn, \$6,000; American Fire of New York, \$2,000; Milwaukee Mechanics', \$2,500; Philadelphia, \$2,500; London, Liverpool and Globe, \$10,000; Phoenix of Hartford, \$3,000; German of Freeport, \$2,500; Springfield Farmers' Mutual, \$1,500; The Sun of London, \$1,100; Tanners' Union, \$10,000. Total, \$113,000, with about the same amount held in companies not represented in this city

one of the companies of tock and retire from business. The news of the burning starch works reached the Starch Trust in New York this morning, and this afternoon a representative of the idle trust works at Edinburg was ordered here and came and wired that combine the extent of the loss. The works here were not in the trust, and were about the only works outside of the trust able to success-fully compete with the giant combine.

NEW ALBANY BANK WRECKERS. Grand Jury Indicts President Winstandley and Cashier Frederick.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal, NEW ALBANY, Ind., April 6.-Isaac S. Winstandley, president, and Clarence J.Frederick, cashler of the defunct New Albany Banking Company, were indicted this afternoon by the grand jury on ninety-one counts. The indictments charge them mainly with embezzlement. The two were brought into court about 5 o'clock and gave bond in the sum of \$1,000 each for

gave bond in the sum of \$1,000 each for their appearance at the next term of court in May. Their sureities are Messrs. Jesse J. Brown and N. T. DePauw.

The failure of the banking company occurred in June, 1893, and since then the depositors have only received 25 per cent. of their deposits. After repeated promises of further dividends which failed to materialize, the depositors became disgusted and several of the larger losers brought the matter before the grand jury. For two weeks the investigation has need in progress and the failure of the bank was sifted to the bottom with the result that Messrs. bottom with the result that Messrs, istandley and Frederick were indicted. Winstandley and Frederick were indicted. Eighty-eight of the ninety-one counts charge them with embezzling individual deposits, sixty of these covering a period within thirty days of the date of the bank failure, and the other twenty-eight charge embezzlement within one year of the failure. The other three counts charge them with embezzling the entire funds of the bank, amounting to \$76,108.70.

Dr. W. L. Breyfogle, brother-in-law of Mr. Winstandley, is a debtor to the bank in the sum of \$146.000, indorsed by six notes which were given since the failure

notes which were given since the failure for the benefit of the creditors, secured by a piece of property in Chicago which is said to be worth the amount of the bank's indebtedness to the depositors. The depositors have about given up hope of securing further dividends as none has been made for over a year. The indictment of the president and casier of the bank occasioned no surprise among the citizens.

TEACHERS LEAVE FOR HOME.

Close of the North Indiana Association Annual Meeting.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. SOUTH BEND, Ind., April 6.-The thirteenth annual convention of the Northern Indiana Teachers' Association closed this forencon. The session was eminently successful and the largest the association has ever held. Nearly one thousand teachers from Indiana, Illinois and Michigan were present. Marion was chosen for the next meeting place. Officers were unanimously elected as follows: President, Calvin Moon, South Bend; vice president, Adelaide Baylor, Wabash; recording secretary, Florence Walling, Muncie; railroad secretary, T. J. FitzGibbon, Elwood; treasurer, R. D. Meacham, Lagrange.

Southern Association Adjourns. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

NORTH VERNON, Ind., April 6.—The Techers' Association of Southern Indians completed its work and adjourned at 10:20 a. m. to-day, having held one of the best

STARCH WORKS FIRE

attended and most successful meetings in the history of the association. The M. E. Church was filled at 7:30 last night to hear the lecture of J. P. D. John, president of DePauw University. This morning A. C. Yoder, of Vincennes, read a paper on "Biology in the High School." W. H. Hershman, of New Albany, read a paper on "Nature Studies in the Grades," and T. D. Aker read a paper on "Applied Psychology as Exemplified in the Life of Laura Bridgman." The reports of committees were then presented and adopted. The executive committee reported upon the following as the officers of the association for next year: President, A. E. Humke, Vincennes; vice presidents, C. M. Marble, Jeffersonville, and Miss Kittle Palmer, of Franklin; secretary, Miss Anna Ward, Edinburg; treasurer, J. A. Carneagey, Columbus. Executive committee —W. F. Axtell, Washington: W. A. Hester, Evansville; J. B. Evans, Rising Sun; Miss Anna Suter, Aurora, and Miss Helen Sanxay, Madison. The report of the committee on resolutions indorsed the Legislature for its action in laying a specific tax for the support of the State institutions. The Miss Cauche of the State institutions. The place selected for the meetings in the history of the association next year is Washington.

A WHISKY-TRUST DEAL.

The Alleged Compact Will Not Affect the American Company. TERRE HAUTE, Ind., April 6 .- If all authenticated reports here are to be considered, the dispatch published this morning regarding a compact between the Spirit Distilling Company and the American Distributing Company mean more than the dispatch would imply. Inside information is to the effect that the truce between the distributing company and the distilling company is only temporary, as Receiver McNulta could not make a contract binding on the trust after he ceases to be receiver. It is assumed here that the compact will in nowise retard the construction of the big anti-trust distillery to be erected by the American Distributing Company, and it is further given out that the Terre Haute Distilling Company, allusion to which was made in this morning's dispatch, is a new organization of local capitalists with the American Distributing Company, the purpose of which is to handle the distribution of spirits in the Western territory, the American Distributing Company confining its sales to the Eastern market. Distilling Company and the American Dis-

Thompson Arnold a Free Man.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. WABASH, Ind., April 6 .- Thompson Arnold, one of the proprietors of the South Whitley Bank, which went to the wall during the panic of 1893, and who was arrested for receiving money after the bank was known to be insolvent, is a free man again. In the Whitley Circuit Court, last December, he was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$25. As the minimum penalty for the offense of which he was convicted is two years, the attorneys for the defense asked that the verdict be set aside, and Judge Penfield last evening sustained the motion, declaring void that part of the verdict relating to imprisonment. Arnold's friends paid the \$25 fine and he was discharged. Although there are a number of other counts in the indictments against him and his father, Jesse Arnold, president of the defunct First National Bank of North Manchester, it is understood there will be no prosecution. December, he was sentenced to one year

Hiers Guilty of Manslaughter. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. ELWOOD, Ind., April 6.-The jury, at Anderson, in the Hiers murder case, after remaining out all night, returned a verdict that George Hiers was guilty of manslaughter, and fixed his punishment at thirteen years. He took the sentence very coolly. Many believe he will turn State's evidence and clear up the whole mystery that surrounds the killing of William J. Foust, in this city, last July. The Crull boys and William Cox will have their trial as accessories on April 16, and they will probably escape with much lighter sentences. It is anticipated that the conviction of Hiers will serve to clear up the tion of Hiers will serve to clear up the mystery and result in the punishment of all concerned in the murder. A number of important cases will probably result from

District Y. P. S. C. E. Convention. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. KOKOMO, Ind., April 6.-The district Young People's Society Christian Endeavor convention closed this afternoon. Resolutions were passed indorsing the temperance legislation of the recent General Assembly, favoring additional enactments for the suppression of vice, and the formation of auxillary good citizen leagues in every city and county in the State. Frank Alex-ander, of Marion, was re-elected district ander, of Marion, was re-elected district secretary and treasurer, and county secretaries were chosen as follows: Howard, Dr. J. C. Wright, of Russiaville; Wabash, George E. Roger, of Wabash; Miami, Joseph Richer, of Peru; Grant, Miss Winnie Buller, of Marion. The convention next year will be held at North Manchester, Wabash county.

Robert Burr Murder Trial.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. ROCKPORT, Ind., April 6.-Robert Burr is on trial here for killing "Cap" Williamson in this city Oct. 10. The prosecution consented to allow persons to sit on the jury who are opposed to capital punishment. The State is represented by Prosecutor William Henning, of Cannelton; Hon. Cicero Buchanan, of Evansville, and Mason & Hayton, of this city, while the defense is being looked after by Hon. W. T. Ellis, of Owensboro, Ky.; Logsdon & Mason, of Evansville; Kramer, Henning & May and F. M. Swan of this city. E. M. Swan, of this city.

New W. R. C. President Honored. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

GREENSBURG, Ind., April 6.-Mrs. Eliza J. Crisler, department president of the Woman's Relief Corps, has established headquarters in this city and last night the Pap Thomas Post, G. A. R., gave the W. R. C. a surprise in the way of a spread in the hall. It was an enjoyable occasion. Impromptu speeches were made by Mrs. Crisler and M. D. Tackett. Miss Minnie Ketchum gave a recitation. Misses Ella McKay, Georgia and Edith Griswold, Winona Crisler and Stella Alyea rendered several songs.

Verdict for \$30,000 Damages. CLEVELAND, O., April 6 .- One of the heaviest verdicts ever given in a personal injury case was rendered in the United States Circuit Court here to-day. Charles Heathorne, who sued the B. & O. railway for \$100,000 for the loss of both legs and the crushing of an arm in a collision in Indiana, was awarded \$30,000 by the jury after only three hours' deliberation. It is understood the railway company will appeal the case.

Will Fight on the Quiet. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. ELWOOD, Ind., April 6.-A match has

been arranged for a prize fight to be pulled off near this city, probably in Tipton county, one night next week between Emory Stokes and a Marion puglilist. Great secrecy is being maintained regarding the fight in order to elude the officers. The purse is to be \$100.

Shot Through the Thigh.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. LOGANSPORT, Ind., April 6.-Dwight Powell, a young son of Dr. J. V. Powell, was shot through the thigh to-day by Thomas Bond, aged thirteen, a grandson of Col. T. H. Bringhurst. Bond says he was shooting at a mark with the rifle and hit Powell accidentally.

Foulks Jury Disagrees. EVANSVILLE, Ind., April 6 .- The jury in the case of Herman A. Foulks, cashier of the Vincennes National Bank, for perjury, in swearing to false returns, failed to agree

to-day and was discharged

Forced to Accept a Cut. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. KOKOMO, Ind., April 6.-The Great Western pottery works resumed business to-day, the men, after being out five days, accepting the new wage schedule of 15 per

Indiana Deaths. FORT WAYNE, Ind., April 6.—John C. Eckert, wholesale manufacturer and dealer in cigars, died to-day, after a short illness, of pneumonia. He was the heaviest man in Fort Wayne, weighing over four hundred pounds. Mrs. Eckert is very low with the same disease.

Mrs. Elizabeth Metzger, mother-in-law of Congressman-elect Leighty, died this morning of old age, being eighty-one.

Silas F. Aulis died this morning of lockjaw, caused by running the sliver of a piece of railroad iron in his foot. He died in great agony.

COLUMBUS, Ind., April 6.—Henry Brock-COLUMBUS, Ind., April 6.—Henry Brock-man, once a wealthy business man in this city, fell dead here at 8:30 to-night.

Proposed Historical Review.

MUNCIE, Ind., April 6.—Joseph H. Mills, ex-trustee of Perry township, died to-day of paralysis of the brain, superinduced by grip. He was fifty-four years old, and his wife and two children survive him.

day at the Reform Club to discuss the practicability of a new review, to be devoted entirely to history. Charles Frances Adams and other distinguished writers of history were present, and also representatives of the historical departments of most of the leading universities. Many others wrote letters, promising co-operation. It was resolved to establish an historical society, and a board of editors was elected, composed of Professors Adams of Yale, McMasters of Pennsylvania, Sloane of Princeton, Stephens of Cornell and Hart of Harvard. The choice of managing editor and atrangements for publication will be made soon:

RUNNING RACES.

Lynwood Stakes at Cumberland Park Won by Jilsey. NASHVILLE, Tenn., April 6.-The races at Cumberland Park to-day were pretty well divided out, one favorite, two second choices and two outsiders winning. The Lynwood stakes, for two-year-olds, \$1,000, was little more than a romp for the Charter Oak stables. Rain began to fall during the afternoon, and the indications are that the track will be heavy Monday when the Cumberland prize is scheduled to be run.

Results:

First Race—Six furlongs. Millard, 6 to 1, won; Tillie of the West, 4 to 1, second; Helen W., 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:15.

Second—Four furlongs. Merry Thought, 6 to 5, won; Lulie Lewis, 10 to 1, second; Fredonia, 6 to 1, third. Time, :49½.

Third—Six furlongs. Motoche, 5 to 1, won; Catarragus, 5 to 1, second; Dr. Work, 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:14½.

Fourth—Lynwood stakes; for two-year-olds; four furlongs. Jilsey, 105 (Cassin), 2½ to 1, won easily by four lengths; Amanda, 106 (Perkins), 5 to 1, second; Francis, 106 (Foster), 6 to 1, coupled with Free Coinage, third. Time, :48½. Minnie Clyde, Vespers, Judge Baker, Excuse, Free Coinage and Uncle Lew also ran.

Fifth—Six furlongs. Winfield, 20 to 1, won; Metropolis, 3 to 1, second; Lady Pepper, 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:16.

Results at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, April 6 .- Results of the sixth and last day of New Louisiana Jockey Club's spring meeting:

Club's spring meeting:

First Race—Seven furlongs, Joe Woolman, 12 to 1, won; Galen Brown, 15 to 1, second; Fidget, 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:31.

Second—Five furlongs, Anna K, 6 to 1, won; Emma, 7 to 1, second; Vauclas, 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:03.

Third—One mile. Billy McKenzie, 2 to 1, won; Florence P, 3 to 2, second; Oh No, 20 to 1, third. Time, 1:43%.

Fourth—Consolation Handicap; six furlongs, Longbrook, 5 to 2, won; Cass, 4 to 1, second; Erstwhile, 5 to 2, third. Time, 1:15.

Fifth—Five and one-half furlongs, Chenoa, 8 to 1, won; Sir John, 6 to 1, second; Maquon, 12 to 1, third. Time, 1:09½.

East St. Louis Winners. ST. LOUIS, April 6.-Results at East St

First Race-Three-eighths of a mile. Lufra won, Carpenter second, Peep O'Day third. won, Carpenter second, Feep O Day third.

Time, 138.

Second—Three-quarters of a mile. Hercules won, Cunarder second, Beeton third.

Time, 1:21.

Third—Five-eighths of a mile. Doubtful won, Conductor McSweeney second, Jardine third. Time, 1:06.

Fourth—One mile. Rey Del Mar won, Golden Crown second, Mordotte third. Time, 1:4714. Fifth-Three-quarters of a mile. Montella won, Say When second, Cyantha, third. Time, 1:2814.

Walkover for Henry Young. LITTLE ROCK, April 6 .- Results of the Little Rock Jockey Club races here to-day: First Race-Six furlongs. Frank Gayle, 3 Maggie Grav. 1 to 2, second Second—Five furlongs. Concession, 12 to 1, won; Montgomery, 1 to 2, second; Fasig, 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:04½.

Third—Mile and one sixteenth; Jockey Club stakes. Walk over for Henry Young.
Fourth—One mile. Wanderman, 3 to 1, won; Wahatchie, 2 to 1, second; Upman, 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:48.

Fifth—Five and one-half furlongs. Josephine, 4 to 1, won; Shield Bearer, 3 to 5, second; Garza, 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:10%.

The Cotton Stakes Monday. MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 6 .- The spring meeting at Montgomery Park will open Monday. A number of stables have returned from Little Rock during the past two days and these, together with some fine strings that have been exercising here for three weeks, make up the best lot here for three weeks, make up the best lot of stock that has ever appeared here at the opening of a racing season. The track promises to be fast. A light rain last night laid the dust and made the going better than it has been at any time this spring. The feature of the opening day's card is the Cotton stakes, in which Laureate, the winner of the Arkansas Derby, will meet the Kendall stable pair, Handspun and Eurania, Flying Dutchman, Philomena and other crack three-year-olds.

Racing by Electric Light. DENVER, Col., April 6 .- Denver is to have racing by electric light, if the plans of a new company carry. The Denver Electric Track Company, capital \$25,000, has filed articles of incorporation with the Secretary of State. The incorporators are U. J. Roentgen, of St. Louis; Edward D. Kirk, of Kansas City, and George M. Sanders, of Denver. Mr. Roentgen says the company expects to have night racing for ninety days, beginning June 15.

\$65,000 in Stakes. LEXINGTON, Ky., April 6.-The Kentucky Trotting Horse Breeders' Association to-day announced \$65,000 in stakes for the October meeting. The new stakes, called the Tennessee stakes, for 2:10 pacers, value \$4,-

ABOUT KATE FIELD.

A Woman of Much Energy, with a Reform Scheme on Hand.

Washington Correspondence Chicago Post.

Kate Field's ambition is to round out her brilliant career as the editor and owner of a newspaper with 100,000 circulation or better—a publication that can be found whereever the English language is spoken; one that shall be a power for the elevation of humanity and an active agent for progress. It was with that lofty purpose in view that she started Kate Field's Washington in this city nearly five years ago. At the outset city nearly five years ago. At the outset the most she really hoped for was a circulation of 10,000 for her weekly; now the limit is put at 100,000. She began the publicatis put at 100,000. She began the publica-tion of her paper at a most unpropitious moment, within a few months of the Baring failure, the first of a long series of finan-cial and commercial calamities stretching in unbroken procession down to date, but she is, on the whole, satisfied with the results of her efforts, although, as she confesses, she sometimes "gets very tired" and would "like to shut her ever and rest for a year" she sometimes "gets very tired" and would "like to shut her eyes and rest for a year." Sitting in her little "den" in the Shoreham, one of the swellest hotels in Washington, Kate Field chatted frankly with the writer the other day about herself. Her "den," by the way, is a study in picturesque confusion. Books and papers are piled high on every bit of furniture in the room, weighing mountainously upon tables room, weighing mountainously upon tables, stands, bureaus, trunks, chairs and sofas, and stacked in every corner and on every available foot of floor space. And yet it is evident that the presiding genius has the whole mass indexed and arranged in her mind, for if she wants to find a clipping, an old newspaper file, a pamphlet or an authority of any sort she can put her hands on it without a warrange can put her hands authority of any sort she can put her hands on it without a moment's hesitation. It is the order of chaos.

Kate Field is what Tom Cannon, late of Springfield, would describe as a "high-domed thinker." She began to take a live personal interest in public questions when she was eight years old, precoclously going through the exchanges in her father's editorial room when he was done with them, and she has been in touch with affairs every minute of the time since. She is thoroughly cosmopolitan. Her mental vision takes in the whole world, and there are few places of note she has not personally visited, while her list of personal friends and acquaintances includes half the public men and famous women of two hemispheres. She grapples with any and every question in which she becomes interested with the courage and energy of a gladiator, and, having rubbed against the brightest minds of the earth, she has acquired rare confidence in herself. No occasion could arise she would not feel herself fully equal to and amply equipped to meet.

Kate Field is now interesting herself with her usual energy in a new labor reform scheme, which she calls general labor exchange, not dissimilar to an organization existing in Paris, known as the Bourse du Travail. The labor exchange proposed by Kate Field will regularly publish official reports of the relative condition of supply and demand in the labor market throughout the entire country. She argues that there will be no more difficulty in establishing cordons of labor bureaus than in establishing custom houses and postoffices. By means of her exchange she hopes to be able to prevent the rush of workingmen into communities beyond the power to assimilate or provide emoloyment. She would have her plan so perfected that there will never be danger of uncomfoortable surplus in the labor market in any one point, her aim being to so distribute labor throughout the country as to give employment to the greatest number of people at the highest going wages. It is a brilliant project and whether on it without a moment's hesitation. It is the order of chaos.

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of the birds.

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